

TRANSCO NETWORK CODE MODIFICATION PROPOSAL No. 0557

"Revision to Section O - System Planning"

Version 1.0

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Proposed Implementation Date: 01/10/2002

Urgency: Non-Urgent

Justification

This proposal results from the Base Plan Review Workshops held in 2001 where it was agreed to recommend improvements to the annual planning consultation arrangements. These workshops agreed that in future Transco would not need to issue both a Base Plan Assumptions document and a Ten Year Statement. They also agreed that information requirements from Users should concentrate on gas supply estimates. Both of these recommendations are embodied in this proposal.

Nature of Proposal

It is proposed that Transco would no longer be required by the Network Code to publish the Base Plan Assumptions document. This document has recently only repeated information contained within the previously published Ten Year Statement.

It is also proposed that whilst the present Network Code requirement for Users to supply estimates of gas supply availability would continue, the requirement for them to provide estimates of demand would not be retained.

Purpose of Proposal

Streamlining the annual planning consultation process, to reflect industry agreed changes, is consistent with the efficient discharge of Transco's licence obligations and with the economic and efficient operation by Transco of its pipe-line system.

Transco would ensure that the Ten Year Statement continues to contain sufficient data as the basis for the following year's consultation process.

Consequence of not making this change

The inefficiencies of the present consultation process would continue, including publication of broadly the same information in two documents. In addition, Users would still be requested to provide more information than Transco require for its planning investment purposes.

Area of Network Code Concerned

Section O

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